

Today's
Advertisements.THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL.

Lessee & Manager Mr. SAVILE SMITH.
Stage Manager Mr. W. G. CAREY.

MISS GRACE HAWTHORNE AND
COMPANY.

In a SELECTION OF THE LATEST PLAYS OF
THE DAY.

TO-NIGHT
THURSDAY—May 23rd—THURSDAY.

THE CELEBRATED SOCIETY COMEDY.
"THE CASE OF REBELLIOUS SUSAN."

Now creating a sensation at the
Criterion Theatre, London.

THE RAGE OF LONDON, AMERICA AND
AUSTRALIA.

TO-MORROW
FRIDAY—May 24th—FRIDAY.

The World Famous Drama by
HERMAN AND JONES.

"THE SILVER KING,"
as played for over 500 nights at the Princess
Theatre, London.

SATURDAY—May 25th—SATURDAY.

GRAND TRIPLE BILL.

In which Miss GRACE HAWTHORNE and all the
members of the Company will appear, assisted
by some of Hongkong's most prominent
Amateurs.

MONDAY—May 27th—MONDAY.

THE DRAMATIC EVENT OF THE SEASON.
Under the distinguished Patronage and
in the
Presence of
H.E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.

Benefit to Miss GRACE HAWTHORNE,
when she will appear in
VICTORIAN SARDON'S GREAT PLAY,
"THE ODORABLE."

(As played by her for over 1,000 nights at the
Princess Theatre, London, and throughout
England.)

Prices as Usual. Soldiers and Sailors in
Uniform half-price to Back Sea's only. Doors
open at 8.15 P.M. commencing at 9 o'clock.

A Special Train will run to the Peak after the
Performances.

Box Office at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S.
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1895. [667]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SATURDAY, 25th MAY, 1895,
AT 2.45 P.M.

COMPETITION. SHORT RANGE CUP
and SPOONS. Ranges, 500 and 600
yards; Seven Shots. Entrance fee, 30 cents.

NOTICE.

The Ranges have been lent to the MILITARY
next week, except on THURSDAY and
SATURDAY.

G. K. MOORE,
Honorary Secretary.
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1895. [50]

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND
BOMBAY.

THE Steamship

"ORMISTON,"
Captain E. Outram, will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 23rd instant, at Daylight.

For Freight, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1895. [584]

NORTHERN PACIFIC
STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD
COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to
the very cheap rates offered by this Line to
the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and
EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and
CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON \$400.
Excellent accommodation. First-class Table,
DOCTOR and STEWARDESSE carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK \$350.
The Railroad travelling is second to none on
the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery
of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, one of the
greatest to Europe may be reached by one of the first
class ATLANTIC MAIL Liners.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA \$225.
Rates of Passage to other Ports on application.
Special rates allowed to members of Govern-
ment Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Strathmore 3 74 Tuesday June 4.

Bundala 3 87 Tuesday June 25.

Victoria 3 167 Tuesday July 16.

Tacoma 2 540 Tuesday Aug. 6.

Hankow 3 504 Tuesday Aug. 27.

S.S. Tuesday Sept. 17.

Victoria 3 167 Tuesday Oct. 8.

Tacoma 2 540 Tuesday Oct. 29.

Hankow 3 504 Tuesday Nov. 19.

No Passengers carried by these sailings.

THE Steamship

"STRATHMORE,"
Captain Pattle, calling at Nippon, on TUESDAY,
the 24th inst., will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C.,
and TACOMA, WASH. SHANGHAI, INLAND
SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan,
Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and
United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States
Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one
copy must be sent forward by the steamer to
the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific
Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address
marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to
sailing.

For further information as to Passage or
Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1895.

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FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"BENMOHR,"
will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 25th
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For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1895. [672]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &
COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and
other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1895. [27]

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are Selected by our London
House, bought direct at first hand,
imported in Wood and Bottled by ourselves,
thus saving all intermediate profits and enabling
us to supply the best growths at moderate
prices.

PRICE LISTS, WITH FULL DETAILS, TO BE HAD
ON APPLICATION.

PORT:—After removal should be rested a
month before use. When required for
drinking at once it should be ordered to be
decanted at the Dispensary before being
sent out.

SHERRY:—Excellent dinner and after dinner
Wines, of very superior vintage. All are
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET:—Our Claret, including the lowest
prices, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the vine and are not
artificially made from raisins and currents,
as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY:—All our Brandy is guaranteed to
be pure Cognac, the difference in price
being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY:—All our Whisky is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brands
in the market. The Scotch Whisky marked
"E" is universally popular and is pro-
duced by the best local distillers to be
superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong Market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to
be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colony or from our authorised Agents at the
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1895. [19]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1895.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

JAPAN AND THE POWERS.

LONDON, May 23rd.

Germany, France and Russia have requested
Japan to specify the precise amount she intends
claiming as a special indemnity for the retroces-
sion of the Liaotung Peninsula in order to
accelerate the withdrawal of her troops from
the mainland of China.

THE FRENCH IN MADAGASCAR.

The French troops in Madagascar are suffer-
ing from fever, and the mortality amongst them
is serious.

THE OSCAR WILDE SCANDAL.

The man Taylor has been found guilty, on
two counts, of indecency; sentence on him is
deferred. Oscar Wilde will be indicted separately
to-morrow.

(Special to *Stam Observer*.)

THE INDEMNITY.

PARIS, May 20th.

The *Temps* states that the heads of the agree-
ment with Japan as to the payment of the
indemnity is the allocation of the Chinese
Imperial Customs revenue under a guarantee of
this control by the European Powers.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-morrow being a public holiday, there
will be no issue of *The Hongkong Telegraph*.

MR. McCALMONT'S R. contour, Tommy Loo's
wood, is a hot favourite for the English Dobby
to be run on the 29th instant.

THE Post Office will be closed to-morrow the
24th inst. except from 8 to 9 a.m. Correspond-
ence for the Peak and Kowloon can be posted
up to 9 a.m. The night box will be kept open,
but the Money Order Office will be entirely
closed.

YUEN SHU-KAI, late Imperial Resident in
Korea, has returned to Tientsin from Manchuria,
where he has been since September. He and
Chen-I, Provincial Judge, were to drive the
invaders out of Manchuria, chase them, halter-
skillet through Korea and re-establish themselves
as Residents in the Peninsular Kingdom; but
like his colleagues Wei and Yeh, Yuan has
returned without glory.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Board held yester-
day afternoon an application from the Steamship
Company asking for permits to enable Messrs.
Chinese dealers to land here with vegetables was
briefly discussed and it was then resolved on
the motion of the President of the
Board—"That the Colonial Secretary be informed
that the Board considers, under existing cir-
cumstances, the granting of any such permits at-
tendant with danger."

THE Northern Pacific Co.'s steamer *Victoria*,
which left Kobe at daylight on the 14th instant,
had on board Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Macavish,
who are on their way to Europe for a holiday.
During his residence in Kobe as Manager of the
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Mr. Macavish
secured the goodwill of every one with whom he
came in contact, both publicly and privately,
and very general regret will doubtless be
expressed by the Kobesites if at the end of his
tour Mr. Macavish is appointed elsewhere.
Everyone will, says the *Kobe Chronicle*, wish
Mr. and Mrs. Macavish an enjoyable holiday,
and if at its conclusion Mr. Macavish is
appointed to another post it is to be hoped that
it will be to a still more important position than
that which he filled with such ability and tact
in Kobe.

THE Taku Tug and Lighter Company have been
busily engaged since the end of last month in
digging out the lighters which got blown ashore
during the great storm of the 28th and 29th
inst. By means of a canal which had to be
made, the lighters *Tien-shan* and *Shamrock*,
which were lying in the Deep Hole when the
gale came on, were got off early in the month, but
the *Non-shan* then remained high and dry on the
banks some five miles to the south of the light-
ship. No damage has been sustained by any of
the lighters, thanks to the very substantial
manner in which the Company's craft are
built. When the *Non-shan* got ashore, there
were 150 coals on board. Besides the lighters
on the shoals outside Taku, were two lighters
and a tow-boat driven high up on the banks of
the river, and it took several squads of coolies,
four days' digging before the vessels could be
floated.

THE letter from the Colonial Secretary, express-
ing the Governor's "appreciation of the prompt
measures taken by the Board to prevent the
spread of the plague in the Colony," which was
read at a meeting of the official remnant of the
Sanitary Board yesterday, reminded us of the
"man of sorrows and acquainted with grief"
who, after a good deal of bitter experience
said there could be no shadow of doubt whatever
that no man should either crow before he is out
of the wood or attempt to count his chickens
before they are hatched. We are fortunate to
have been comparatively free of the plague up
to now, and it is to be hoped that it will be kept
without our doors for ever and ever, but he is,
indeed, a very foolish person who assumes that
the preventive measures adopted recently can
with safety be relaxed in the smallest degree for
some time to come.

Or all the crack-brained notions which this
Oriental war has brought to the surface the
following from a comparatively recent issue of
the *Independent Thinker* is probably not
the least amusing:—"China is a market
monopolized by England, which has turned
Hongkong into a vast *entrepot* of riches."
Japan, entering upon the scene, strikes a blow
at the material and moral strength of China
and upsets the plans of British diplomacy.
What will England do to save her interests?

Port Hamilton, easy to seize, offers
itself as a tempting prey to British greed. It
was thus that British *Empire* laid herself for
the Russian victories after 1877, when she ap-
propriated Cyprus and established herself in Egypt.
Will Europe allow Great Britain to occupy Port
Hamilton? In that case France ought to take
the Pescadore and Formosa to assert her rights
in the Far East. What price "castles in the
air"?

TO-NIGHT at the Theatre Royal Miss Hawthorne
and her talented Company will appear in another
of those latter-day controversial comedies with
the inevitable problem without which no modern
London play is complete. We refer to "The
Case of Rebellious Susan," which is now in the
eighth month of its run at the Criterion Theatre,
London. One of the lessons "drawn" from
this play is that woman can apprehend a lot of
unnecessary trouble by shutting her eyes to the
little weaknesses and imperfections of her
husband and master. The fact is, perhaps, worthy of note
that this comedy is being played simultaneously
with its original run in London, both in Australia
(by the Broagh and Boucicault Company at the
Criterion Theatre, Sydney) and in America (at
the Lyceum Theatre, New York). Candidates
for the "Matrimonial States" are, according to
Mr. Hall, in the main, the same. The existence of
couples in Australia, many of whom in the interior
would have to be abandoned.

SEVEN head coolies were fined one dollar each
at the Police Court to-day for failing to register
their splendorous manes in due course.

SEVERAL important advertisements, including
the Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s new
announcement, will be found in another part
of this issue.

REPORTS received at Shanghai on the 17th
instant from Tientsin state that the troops
stationed at Shantung and the neighbour-
hood are being disbanded. The soldiers are
giving considerable trouble, and several small
fights have occurred over disputed accounts,
insufficient money to reach home with, etc.

"THE Second Mrs. Tanqueray," a play great in
conception and very dramatic in effect, was
presented to a fairly good house at the Theatre
Royal last night. Miss Grace Hawthorne
imparted much pathos and expression in her
impersonation of the *Second Mrs. Tanqueray*.
Miss Marie Brin, as *Ellen*, was exceptionally
"feeling," and Miss Sallie Booth was exceedingly
droll as *Mrs. Corbly*. Mr. W. J. Montgomery
made an *A. A. Aubrey Tanqueray*, and was
well supported by Messrs. Huggan Armada,
W. G. Carey, D. C. Smith and S. Lester.

A SHORT telegram dated the 13th inst. states that
sentences had been pronounced in the case of
the Seoul conspirators, who plotted to
murder the King. Of the accused, Bok-Jun-yu,
"Ji-yu, Ko To-chu, Den To-shu, and Se-
Kro-shu, were sentenced to death, while J. J.
Shun-yu, Kim Kiah-shu, and Kim Juh-shu were
found guilty of complicity in the conspiracy, and
were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.
The Tai Won Kun has returned to his
palace, satisfied that the life of his grandson has
been spared. He would have been the Emperor
Korea had he been born. He is a very "disturb-
ing element" in Korea.

THE comparatively recent death of Lieutenant
Hickley, R.N., son of Admiral Hickley, near
Lovers' Marquee, was one of the most terrible
that can be conceived. It appears that the
officer had gone out duck-shooting at a place
called Catmeh, and having shot a duck, handed
his gun to a Kaffir boy, who went to secure
the bird. He had taken but a few steps when
he began to sink in a bed of quicksand. The
boy tried to pull him out by the hand, but
was unable to do so, and in a few moments the
unfortunate officer was completely swallowed up.
The boy speedily notified the occurrence, to
others, and the body was afterwards recovered
and buried at Lovers' Marquee.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Yokohama Chronicle*
recently sent to this journal an interesting
account of the Feast of *Parim*, in Magador.
This feast is an annual Jewish institution,
designed to celebrate the deliverance of the
ancient race from the designs of Haman, as
recorded in the Book of Esther. In the
synagogues this book is read on the evening of
the holiday, and the correspondent of the *Yokohama
Chronicle* describes the ceremony as follows:—"On
the eve of *Parim* small candles are distrib-
uted among the worshippers in the synagogues,
by means of which they may the more con-
veniently read the M-gills (scroll on which the
Book of Esther is written). Whenever the name
of Haman is called by the Reader, little boys
outside fire crackers or other explosive articles,
while their more sedate brethren inside only give
an occasional kick to the form on which they
sit. When the Chazan, at a galling pace,
goes through the names of Haman's ten hateful
sons, more lively sympathy is generally shown
in these hostile manifestations; but when the
Megilla is finished, and the subsequent *Benevols*
and *Carols* are sung, the whole ceremony con-
cludes. The scrolls are quickly rolled up,
and everyone prepares for a *Carol*. "Blessed
be Mordecai!" calls out the Reader, warming
approval. "Carole be Haman!" continues
the Reader. Then a deafening noise—for some
moments the din is fearful—bouts kicking, foot
stamping, while the scroll-handlers, energetically
manipulated by their owners, are beaten up and
down with fearful rapidity on the arms of the
form, as though they were so many pistons at
work. The Chazan, having judged it time
for the reading of their *vengeance*, calls out at
the top of his voice, high above the din, "Blessed
be Esther!" Murmuring approbation
again follows. This performance is again gone
through on the morrow in precisely the same
fashion. Decidedly, the memory of Haman is not
neglected in Magador."

THE Banks and Insurance Offices will be
closed to-morrow.

The Post Office will be open from 8 to 9 a.m.
to-morrow, but the Money Order office will be
closed entirely.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARADE.

The parade in honour of the anniversary of
the Queen's Birthday will, weather permitting,
be held in the Happy Valley at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

The *feu de joie* and the Royal Salute to the
Royal Standard will begin at 5.15 p.m. The
troops will then march past His Excellency the
Governor, and the proceedings will terminate
with an advance in line and general salute to
the Governor.

As the ground is narrow, ladies and gentlemen
should not pass beyond the fence barrier
of the Training Ground.

TRAFFIC REGULATION.

The following Regulations have been issued
by the Captain Superintendent of Police:—

1. The Queen's Road East of Arsenal Street
and Morrison Hill Road to Wong-nai-chung
will be closed between the hours of 4 and
6 p.m.

2. All horses, vehicles, and chairs going
Eastward are to turn down Arsenal Street
to Praya East, and continue along the
Praya, Wanchai Road East of No. 2
Station, and the Road West of Morrison
Hill.

3. Chairs and vehicles to be arranged in the
neighbourhood of the Race Course (as
directed by the Police Constables on duty).

A "TIGER" ON WAT.

Who is responsible for the following bright
sample of "English as it is wrote"? We know
not, but it was picked up near Queen's College this
morning by a *Telegraph* reporter. Here it is in
its "Great Unknown" state:—

"MR. JOHN L. KING,
New President of the Sydney Australia and
Liver Post Restaurant has special orders to
Cater for a grand dinner, and to have all hand of

THUS, our Yokohama contemporary, the *Box
of Carols*—Prince Konyo decorated *Felix*
with the Order of the Silken Chrysanthemum
during his stay in Kyoto the other day, and any
foreigner who has anything to say against the
justice of Japan's claims on China have either
got to fight us or run like their Chinese friends
have done all through the war. Now, Thorne!

A ST. PETERSBURG correspondent states that
the important and increasing trade carried on
between London and the tea markets of Russia
is further threatened by another move. The
Russian Minister of Finance (M. D. Witte) has
discovered that notwithstanding the exceedingly
heavy duties on frontier-imported tea, a large
quantity of Chinese and Indian tea still finds its
way to Russia from Hamburg and London, to
the detriment of the trade carried on by the
State-protected volunteer tea in Odessa, the
ports of which convey cargoes of tea from
China to the Black Sea. In order to weaken
this competition it has been decided to call, as
soon as possible, a meeting of Russian tea
merchants and shipowners who will discuss the
question.

SOME novel applications of asbestos, or mineral
wool, have, according to *The Engineering and
Mining Journal*, been proposed in which
advantage is taken of its well-known quality of
incombustibility. These have been made possi-
ble by improving on the methods of using the
asbestos, so that the fibre, so that now it is
practicable to wear a cloth of asbestos almost
as fine as cotton cloth. This, of course, is not
very strong, but by spinning thicker threads and
doubling them a cloth can be made that is
strong enough for most purposes and is
still flexible. It is now recommended that
this material be used as a protective dress for
firemen, and at a meeting of the National
Association of Fire Engineers at Montreal last
summer a representative of the company that is
exploiting this idea demonstrated how it could
be carried out. Child in suit of asbestos cloth
he entered a burning frame building, especially
prepared for this test, and remained there for
several minutes, during which time he gave
an exhibition of the utility of fireproof asbestos-
rope for life-saving, etc. The asbestos suit
which was worn consisted of a pair of boots,
protected by iron soles, gaiters, pantaloons,
jacket, apron, gloves, and helmet, the last
being provided with eye-pieces of mica. Inside
of the jacket is carried a respirator, which
keeps the air breathed to be expelled openly. The
efficiency of such a suit depends not only upon
the non-combustibility of the material, but also
upon the fact that it is a non-conductor of heat,
becoming hot so slowly that the wearer has
ample warning of the proper time to flee. It
is in no way hurt by water. It is not proposed
that every member of a fire department shall
wear such clothing, but it is urged that one or
two members of every company be provided
with them. Other uses that are proposed for
this cloth are for protecting merchandise against
cinders; for extinguishing small fires by smother-
ing; for drawing between buildings; and as a
substitute for the asbestos covering for the
already used extensively for drop-curtains and
"fins" in theatres.

THE MILITARY ASSAULT CASE.

A BRITISH OFFICER BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

At the Police Court this morning, before Mr.
Wodehouse, the case remanded from the 17th
instant, in which Chu Hien, a watchman of the
Commissionariat Department, prosecuted Lieut.
Knox, of the R.F. Brigade, for assault on
the 17th instant, near Murray Barracks, was
concluded.

Mr. E. J. Grist appeared for the defendant,
and as the complainant did not put in an
appearance the case was promptly dismissed.

His Worship, in dismissing the case, said he
had no doubt the *officer* had been settled outside,
which would account for the non-appearance
of the complainant.

Mr. Grist submitted that a statement
made by the complainant in his evidence
on Tuesday to the effect that the defendant
(Lieut. Knox and Lieut. Digby) were
"more or less drunk" at the time of the
assault, was absolutely false, and that therefore
the complainant should be fined, the full penalty
for such an offence being \$50.

His Worship said he could only take the state-
ment in question as an expression of opinion on
the part of the complainant, and under any
circumstances, he did not think he would be
justified in inflicting a fine. He stretched
no importance whatever to the complainant's state-
ment and had not the slightest doubt that the
defendants were perfectly sober, and that any
statement to the contrary was unjustifiable and,
in point of fact, untrue.

Mr. Grist and his client then withdrew.

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